

Rotterdam Dry Dock Co's. No. 138

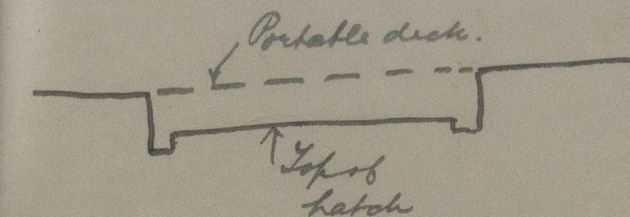
Construction of No. 3 hatchway on upper deck.

This vessel is of the complete superstructure type, and the Rotterdam Surveyors have forwarded a plan showing a proposal to dispense with the coamings of the No. 3 hatchway in order to obtain a flush surface on the upper deck so that this space may be utilised for dancing and games.

This hatchway is provided with a steel trunkway extending through the tween decks.

The sketch forwarded shows wood covers flush with the upper deck and suitably supported, and further some 3 ft. beneath these covers provision is made for a ~~second~~ <sup>proper weather deck</sup> hatchway complete with covers, tarpaulins, and battening down arrangements fitted on the sides of the steel trunkway.

It is submitted that provided the scantlings and arrangements of the webs, woodcovers and battening down <sup>of the lower hatchways</sup> be in accordance with the requirements of the rules, efficient draining arrangements be provided so that any water may be drained overboard from the gutterway around the coaming of the sunk hatchway, and the arrangements be carried out as shown and amended on the plan and to the Surveyors' satisfaction, the proposal will merit approval.



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